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THE SAME

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously cited by Applicants and the Examiner in prior application serial nos. 09/105,958 filed June 29, 1998, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these documents are not being provided. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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